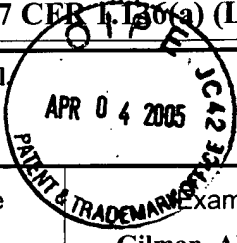


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Invention: **DUAL STAGE LATCH AND RELEASE MECHANISM**

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This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 02/09/2005 in the above-identified application.  
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The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☒ One month    
 ☐ Two months    
 ☐ Three months    
 ☐ Four months    
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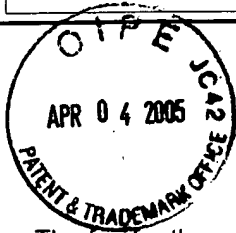
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| TOTAL CLAIMS   | 8 -                                 | 10 =                        | 0                              | x \$50.00  | \$0.00            |
| INDEP. CLAIMS  | 3 -                                 | 5 =                         | 0                              | x \$200.00 | \$0.00            |
| FEE FOR AMENDMENT                                    |                                     |                             |                                |            | \$0.00            |
| FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME                            |                                     |                             |                                |            | \$120.00          |
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- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **50-0617**
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☐ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
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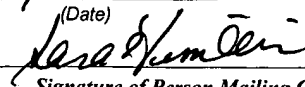
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